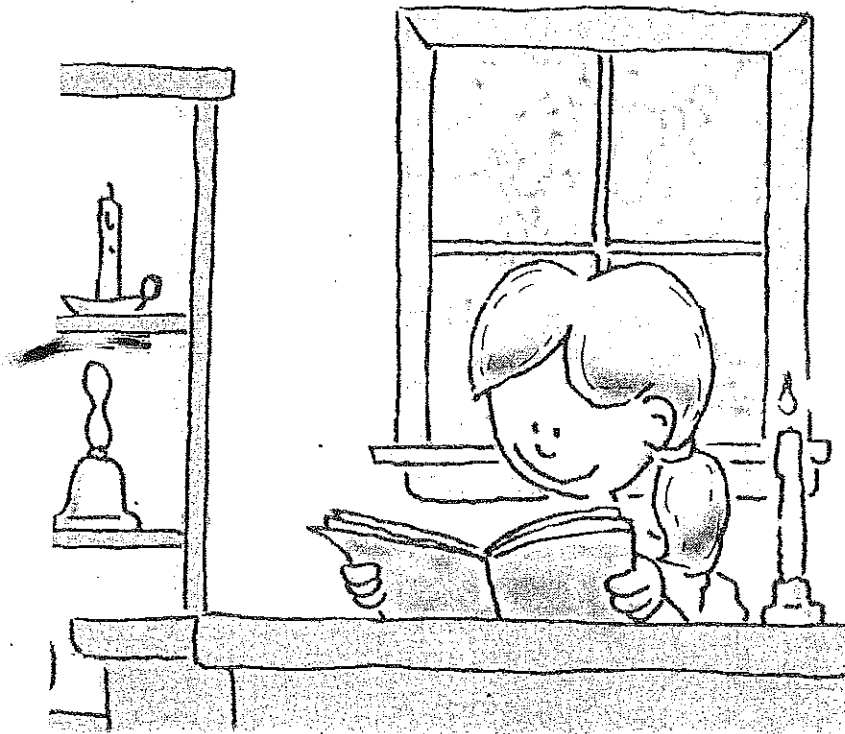
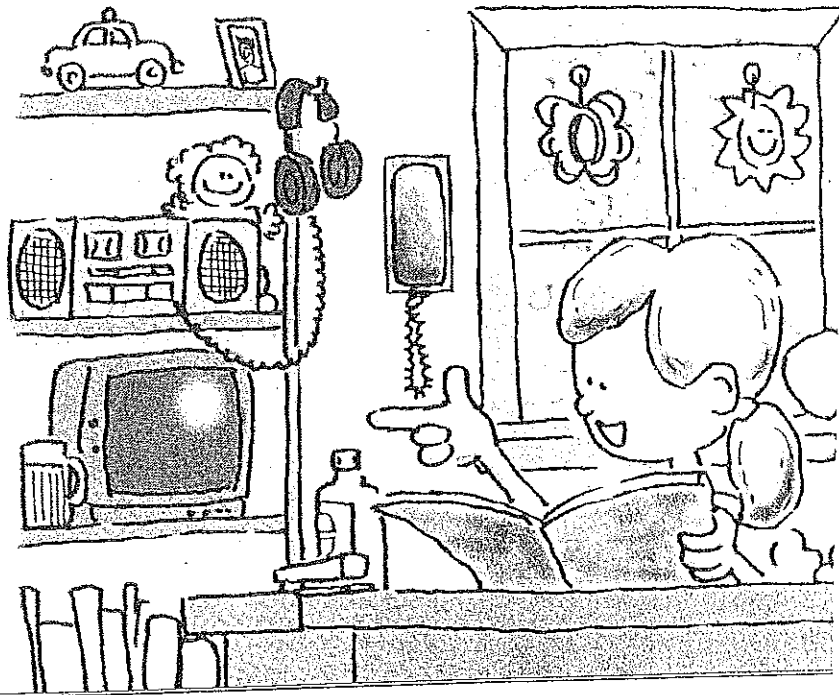


A Disappearing Act: "Poof, Begone!"

To travel to the past, you've got to be able to make things vanish. How many objects in your home or school did not exist back in medieval times? How many are in the room where you are reading this book? Look around, and find an item that did not exist back then, point to it, and say, "Poof, Begone!"

If an object wasn't around a thousand years ago, it has to go! Obviously, you'll need to take out cars, airplanes, leaf blowers, fax machines, and TV. See any plastic?



Make it disappear, and replace it in your imagination with the materials of the Middle Ages — wood, metal, or stone. Books were rare back then, too, but don't make this one disappear; you need it for more exploration!

Keep wax candles and glass. They were part of the Middle Ages' scene. And if you see a bell, keep it, too. Bells were important a thousand years ago, used to wake people up, mark time, and warn of invaders.

Draw a picture or write a description of what your room might have looked like in the Middle Ages.